during the Eighth Plan are as under :-

(in tonne)

Year	Production Target	Achievements
1992-93	185500	169395
1993-94	191000	208000
1994-95	210000	180100
1995-96	225000	223000
1996-97	242000	

(b) the tentative projections proposed for the production of coffee in the Ninth Plan are as follows

(in tonne)

Year	Production Target
1997-98	225,000
1998-99	240,000
1999-00	260,000
2000-01	280,000
2001-02	3000,000

Experts Committee on Corporate Governance

498. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Experts Committee on Corporate Governance has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the important observations and recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the details of decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Government has not constituted any expert committee on corporate Governance. However, Government had suggested to some of the Financial Institutions namely IDBI, ICICI and UTI to study the practices of Corporate governance by major Indian Corporates vis-a-vis the recommendations of the Cadbury Committee.

(b) Few of the observations of the study are as follows:

- The best practices of corporate governance were followed by Corporates with low promoters' holding and those with strong influence of multinational collaborators.
- The number of board meetings should be at least 6 per year to ensure effective governance by the board.
- The non-executive directors together with nominees of financial institutions/banks should form a simple majority in the board.
- The presence of independent directors on the board could be restricted to 2-3 terms so as to ensure their independence.
- The prudent norms on short-term investments should be evolved and refined.
- The constitution of Audit Sub-Committees should be made a statutory requirement.

(c) and (d). Financial Institutions have discussed the matter with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and CII has set up a task force on corporate Governance.

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499. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the Action Plan approved by the Government Khadi and Village Industries Commission was to receive Rs.5600 crores (Rs.1865 crores through budgetary support and Rs.3735 crores through institutional finance); and

(b) if so, how much amount has since been released and by when the remaining amount is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). In accordance with the Action Plan prepared for implementing the recommendation of the High Power Committee for generating two million additional jobs through the Khadi and Village Industry (KVI) activities, a programme at an estimated outlay of Rs.5600 crores is required to be implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

Out of this estimated cost of the programme, 1/3rd amounting to Rs.1865 crores is to be met out of budgetary grants and the remaining 2/3rd amounting to Rs.3735 crores is to be raised from the banks and financial institutions. While KVIC has already launched the programme on 2nd October, 1995, the actual inflow of funds depends on the absorption capacity of the implementing agency and sanction of loans by the banks.

Government have released additional amount of Rs.130 crores last year for the programme and a budget provision for a similar amount has also been made during the current year of the programme. Government have also given a guarantee for a loan of Rs.1000 crores from the consortium of banks in favour of KVIC for on lending to viable KVI projects either directly by the KVIC or through the State KVI Boards. About Rs.325 crores have already been drawn by the KVIC from this line of credit.

Subsidence of Land in Jharia

500. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that Jharia town is under serious threat of subsidence and the Katras More, Chouthai Kulhi, Pahari, Husenabad and

Sadhan Kuthir areas of the town are shrinking and about one lakh people have been affected: and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to stop subsidence and to compensate the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) As per information received from Coal India Limited (CIL), Katras More, Chouthai Kulhi, Hosanabad areas including the house named 'Sadhan Kutir', in and around the Jharia town which have unauthorised building constructed over land vested with Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) are vulnerable to subsidence. BCCL has been publishing appeals in local newspapers informing the residents about the situation and requesting them to vacate.

Subsequent to appearance of tension cracks on surface buildings at Katras More on 27.10.1996, district Administration after site investigation have estimated 219 houses in these localities to have developed cracks. According to an 'Expert Committee' cracks affecting the houses have developed due to movements in the old goaves triggered by underground fire.

(b) Dy. Commissioner, Dhanbad after inspecting the affected sites is of the opinion that shifting of inhabitants in houses over non-coal bearing areas is the only solution. District Administration has requested the State Government of Bihar for financial assistance for initiating action to shift the affected persons. Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad requested BCCL to pay Rs.15 lakhs purely on compassionate and humanitarian grounds for helping such affected families who are poor. This request of Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad has been acceded to by the BCCL management.

Export Quota for Powerloom Sector

501. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the textiles export quota for powerloom sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the likely impact of such increase on powerloom sector and country's economy?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) In the new Textile Export Entitlement Policy (Quota Policy) 1997-99 announced on 14.10.96, the percentage level of Powerloom Exporters' Entitlement (PEE) System has been increased from 5% to 10%.

It is too early to make an accurate assessment on the likely impact of such increase on powerloom sector and country's economy.

Backlog of SCs/STs in Banks

502. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of backlog of SC/ST posts in the nationalised banks during the last one year which still remaing ufilled;

(b) the steps taken to clear the backlog;

(c) whether Government propose to fix some target date for clearance of this backlog; and

(d) if so, the probable date thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) As per available information, the total backlog in respect of 19 nationalised banks is as under :-

(Data Provisional)

Cadre	Backlog as on 1.7.1996	
	SC	ST
Officers	108	62
Clerks	553	445
Sub-staff	297	613

(b) the steps taken by the Government from time to time to fill up the reserved vacancies for SCs and STs in nationalised banks have been as under :-

(1) Special recruitment drives have been carried out during the years 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993-94 and 1995-96.

(2) The recruitment and representation position of the SCs and STs in the nationalised banks is reviewed through a comprehensive proforma by the Boards of Directors of each of the nationalised banks every six months and the position is being reported to the Government;

(3) Pre-recruitment training is being imparted by all banks to the candidates appearing for the BSRB examinations;

(4) Establishment of Centres for examination nearest to the areas of concentration of the ST population; and

(5) Banks have been advised to hold training workshops for the personnel working in their SC/ST cells to make them fully aware of the need for implementation of the reservation policy.

(c) and (d). No cut off date can be fixed for clearance of backlog as many nationalised banks have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with Reserve Bank of India which inter-alia prohibit fresh